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GALACTIC SCI-FI THRILLS



THE MAN MADE • UNIVERSE

HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE UNIVERSE IN WHICH WE LIVE? THE PLANETARIUM IS AN EXCITING WAY OF INCREASING OUR KNOWLEDGE BELOW IS LONDON'S OWN EXAMPLE, TUSSAUD'S PLANETARIUM...

STAR
IMAGE
LENSES

CONSTELLATION
GLOBE

FIXED
STAR
GLOBE

VARIABLE
STAR
PROJECTORS

A PLANETARIUM CONTAINS A HUGE PROJECTOR ABLE TO CAST IMAGES OF ALL THE STARS AND PLANETS ONTO A DOMED CEILING THUS PRODUCING A REPRODUCTION OF OUR GALAXY AND ITS DISTANT NEIGHBOURS...

MILKY
WAY
PROJECTOR

PLANET
PROJECTORS

'SKYLINE'

THE PROJECTOR OPERATOR, SEATED AT HIS CONTROL PANEL, HAS THE UNIVERSE AT HIS FINGER TIPS! FROM OUR FIERY SUN TO THE FROZEN WASTES OF OUTER SPACE!

THE 'STARS' IN THE PLANETARIUM DIM NATURALLY AS THEY APPROACH THE SKYLINE - MECHANICAL EYELIDS CLOSE SLOWLY OVER THE PROJECTOR LENSES!

YPRES, BELGIUM, OCTOBER 1914

"SIR, WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT AND HAVE INTERVIEWED *EVERY* SURVIVOR."

"THEIR ACCOUNTS ARE..."

"...SOMEWHAT INCOHERENT."

IT STARTED IN THE MIDST OF A GERMAN COUNTER OFFENSIVE.

THEY HAD OUR BOYS ON THE RUN BACK TO THEIR TRENCH.

IT WAS SHEER BLOODY HELL BY ALL ACCOUNTS.

AND THEN? SPIT IT OUT MAN.

"AND THEN THE INCANTATION STARTED."

"THE WHAT?"

"THE WITNESSES DESCRIBED IT AS A SPELL, IN SOME UNKNOWN LANGUAGE.

"IT WAS COMING FROM ONE OF OUR OFFICERS."

"AN ENGLISHMAN?"

"YES SIR. WELL, HALF SCOTS. BUT YES, HIS NAME IS *CAWLY*. ALWAYS BEEN A *STRANGE* ONE.

"THE MEN *NEVER* LIKED HIM."

"AND THEN *IT* HAPPENED."



"SOME KIND OF *STORM*
BREWED UP."



"THEN THE *MAN-TANKS*
APPEARED..."

"...THAT'S WHAT THE SURVIVORS
CALLED THEM, SIR."



"THEY MADE SHORT WORK OF THE GERMANS,"

"AND EVEN TOOK A FEW PRISONER."



"BUT NOT MANY."



"CAWLEY WAS IN HIGH SPIRITS. HE THANKED THEM SAVING HIS LIFE."

"THEY SEEMED UNSURE WHERE THEY WERE, OR WHY."



"THEN CAWLEY SAID THEY WERE HIS TO CONTROL."

"CAWLEY APPARENTLY STARTED RANTING ABOUT RULING THE WORLD."



"DESTROYING HIS ENEMIES."

"THEY DIDN'T SEEM VERY AMUSED."

"CAWLEY GOT ANGRY."



"SAID HE'D SEND THEM BACK
TO WHERE THEY CAME FROM."

"THINGS GOT A BIT *NASTY*
AT THAT POINT."



"SEEMS THEY ARE FIGHTING SOMETHING
A BIT WORSE THAN THE *HUN* WHERE
THEY CAME FROM, SIR."









"AND THEN IT WAS ALL OVER, SIR."

"IT WAS PRETTY CHAOTIC. NO ONE KNEW WHAT TO MAKE OF IT. A SERGEANT TOOK CHARGE."

"PUT CAWLEY UNDER ARREST. SET THE GERMAN PRISONERS FREE."



"WHAT?!"

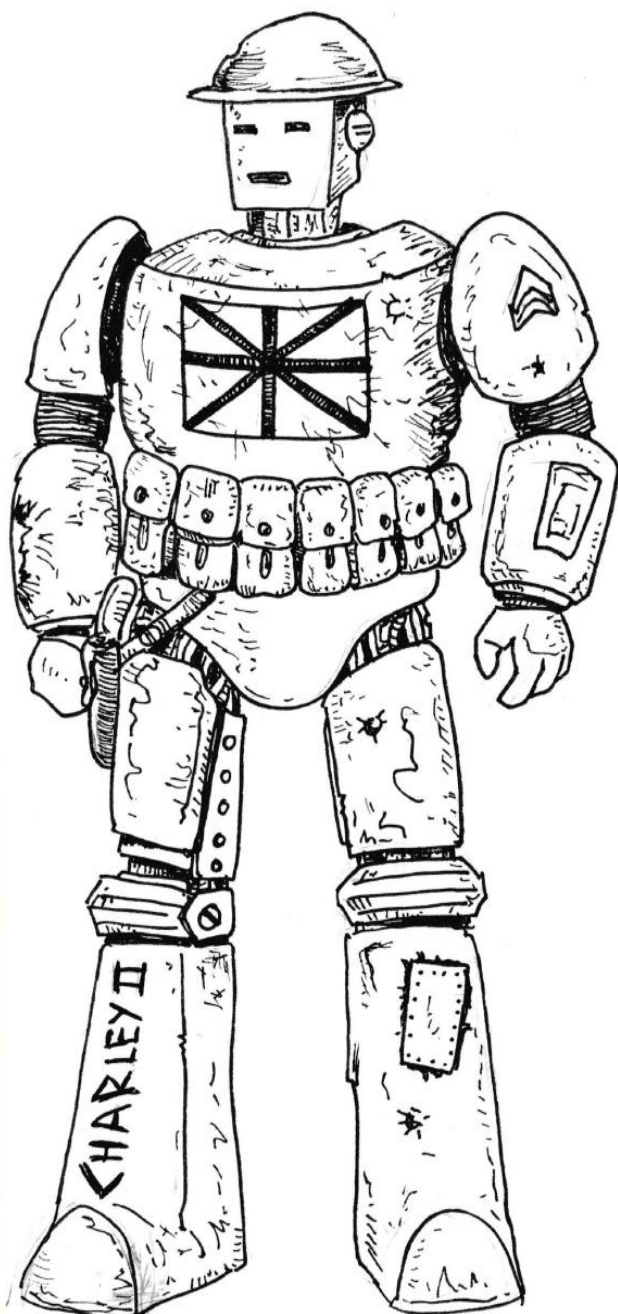
"HE SAID THE OTHER SIDE *HAD* TO KNOW. THAT THIS WOULD *END* THE WAR."





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